

May 25, 1914.

Hon. John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

Your letters of May 22nd and 23rd were received during my absence from town, as I preached Sunday at Phillips Exeter Academy.

I am glad that you feel we should have an advisory committee from the faculty and I shall take pleasure in requesting Professors Wright, Sanford and Harrington to serve in this capacity in accordance with the suggestions of your letter. Professor Wright is now on his way home, but he will be with us by the close of the week and I am sure he will take enthusiastic interest in the work assigned him.

I note the letter to you from Rising & Nelson Slate Company. I suppose it is a little early yet to determine such a matter, but I hope when the time comes we shall be able to favor some Vermont organizations, both for reasons of economy and other considerations.

I spent some time on the chapel matter in Boston Saturday. I had an interview with the R. D. Kimball Company, the engineers who have planned the heating system for the college for many years, with reference to running the pipe line to the new chapel. It is early to make definite arrangements for this, but the preparation of such plans requires time and it is well to get at it early.

I also called on Doctor Barton of our Board, who has had much experience in the erection of college buildings in connection with the American Board, and who is greatly interested in our own institution. He expressed the deepest gratification with your proposal and together we went to the office of Allen & Collens, looked over their drawings carefully, and discussed with Mr. Allen, the senior partner, the general plan of

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the chapel. We found that they are revising their study some and I think in a short time they will show us a plan, which while following the same general features as that we now have, will show better symmetry and proportion and be a marked improvement. I was pleased with the careful study they appear to be giving to the whole question. Their ideas of the interior seem to me excellent and I believe with such a chapel we would have a building equal to any in religious impressiveness and dignity of style. Doctor Barton then took me to the office of the architects who constructed the chapel in Bates College, Maine, the latest college chapel to be erected in New England. I am confident the building we are planning will be much superior in style and appearance to the Bates chapel.

I find in my mail further letters of approval and congratulation from members of the Board of Trustees, i.e., Messrs Wright, Kellogg, Abernethy and Fletcher. Perhaps you would like to see copies of all the letters from members of the Board. I will be glad to have them copied if you wish.

Faithfully yours,